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Sirs: The President, whom I support, proudly and rightly boasts about the phenomenal state of the economy. Why is it, however, that 39 million working Americans, 26 million white, live below the poverty line and over 40 million are uninsured?

He brags about the reduction of the welfare rolls to 8 million, but no one mentions that about 6 million are children, again mostly white, many homeless. In this "Great Society" why these blights?

As long as poverty and welfare continue to be perceived as a black problem, the reality will always be distorted and muted, sophistic inferences about good times, not withstanding.

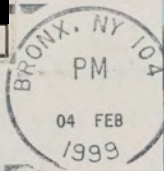


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